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SOURCE:

1. An ammunition dump composed of 13 buildings is located approximately 350 meters northwest of the Slivnitsa-Opitsvet highway, approximately 1.2 kilometers south of Opitsvet village. Twelve of these buildings were used to store ammunitions and one was used as a guardhouse. (A sketch showing the location of the ammunition dump is included as Appendix A on page 2).
2. Two of the buildings used to store ammunition house artillery shells for howitzers and Soviet ZIS artillery pieces; one of these buildings contains detonator caps, fuses, and other explosives.
3. The ammunition dump is guarded by an Army detachment of 12 soldiers commanded by a sergeant. Two guard posts are located as follows:
 - a. One, in the southeast corner of the ammunition dump; and
 - b. One, approximately mid-way on the northeastern side.

The dump is patrolled twice at night and usually once during the day. Night guards are on duty between 6:30 p.m. and 5 a.m., and usually carry a submachine gun. (A sketch showing the layout of the ammunition dump is included as Appendix B on page 3).
4. Troops assigned to guard this dump are taken from units stationed at the summer Army camp located 1.6 kilometers east of the dump and one kilometer southeast of Opitsvet village.

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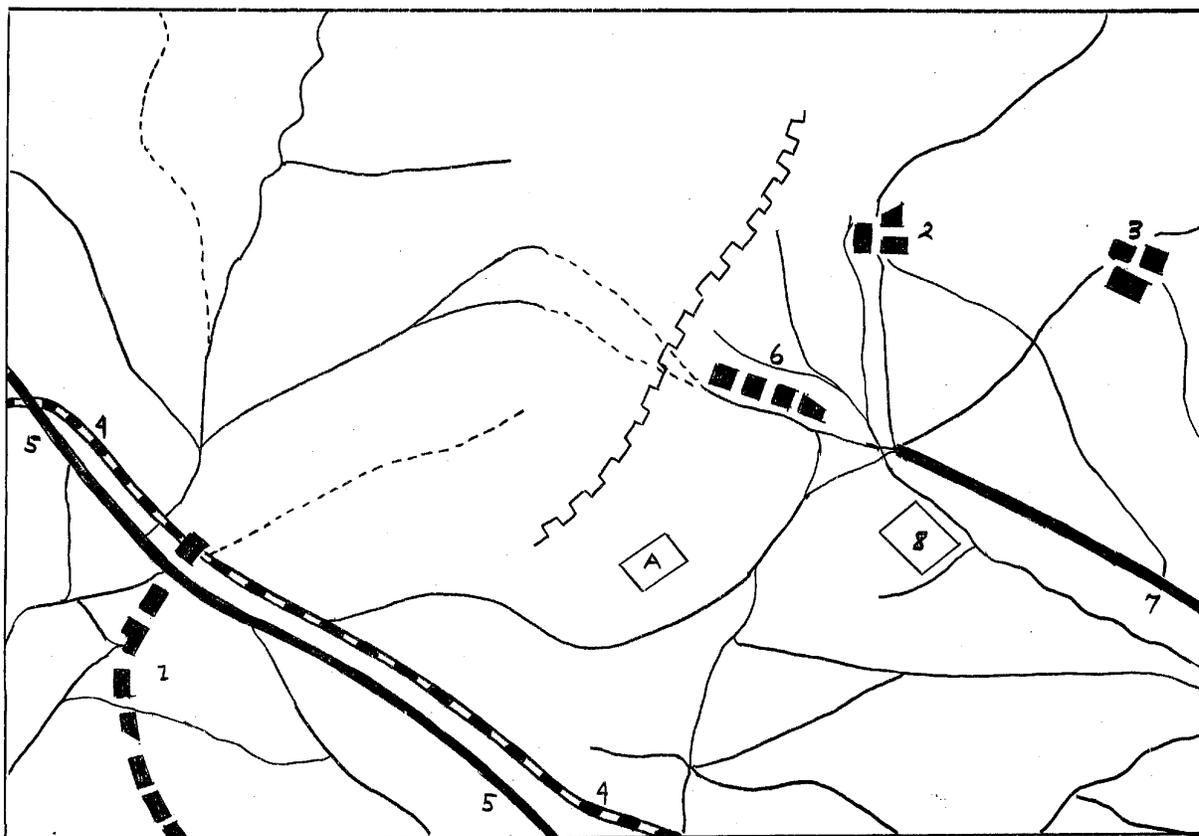
5. During the summer of 1950, the following units were stationed at the Army summer camp:
- A divisional artillery regiment, Podelenie 45-420, which occupied a large barracks, six smaller barracks, an officers' mess, a kitchen, a mess hall, an enlisted men's snack bar, and a field hospital; all of these buildings are located in the center of the camp area and are occupied every summer by this regiment;
 - The 18 Howitzer Regiment, Podelenie 45-520, quartered in brick buildings constructed during the summer of 1950; and
 - An infantry regiment from Slivnitsa, which remained in the camp only one month while most units remained there three and one-half months.
6. During the winter, detachments of 40 men from Podelenie 45-520, the 18 Howitzer Artillery Regiment, and the artillery regiment in Samokov are assigned to the camp for 15-30 days to serve as guards for the ammunition dump. Two officers accompany each detachment of men.

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Appendix A

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| 1. Slivnitsa (N 42-51, E 23-01) | 6. Opitsvet Village (N 42-52, E 23-06) |
| 2. Besden Village (N 42-53, E 23-06) | 7. Road to Shiyakovtsi (N 42-50, E 23-12) |
| 3. Bogyovtsi Village (N 42-53, E 23-07) | 8. Army Camp Area |
| 4. Sofia-Slivnitsa-Dragoman Railroad Line | - - - Trenches |
| 5. Sofia-Slivnitsa-Dragoman Highway | A Munitions Dump |



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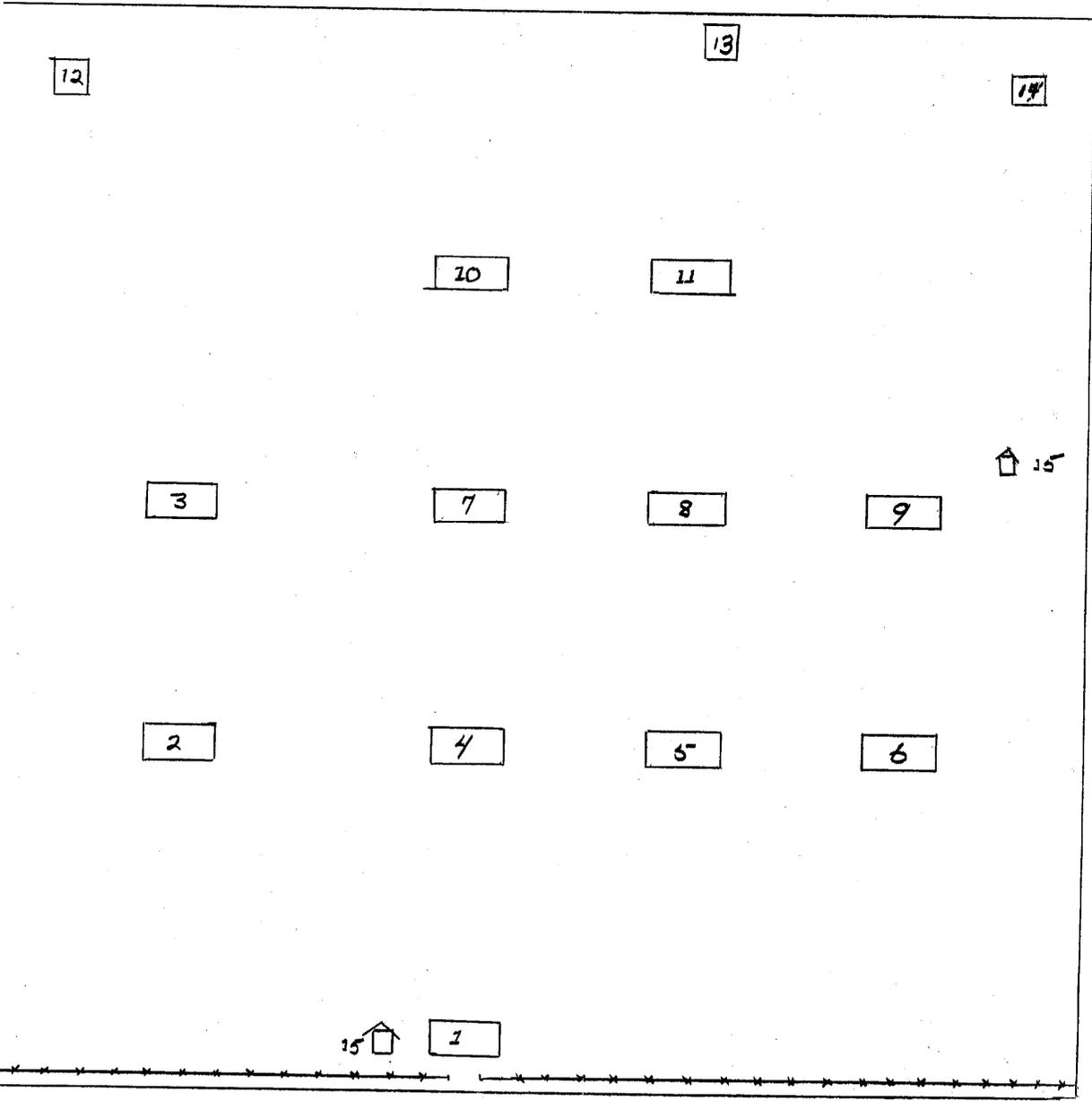
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Appendix B

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- 1. Guard Quarters
- 2,3. Shell Dumps for Howitzer and ZIS guns
- 4-11. Shell Dumps
- 12. Unidentified Building
- 13,14. Depots for explosives, detonator caps, and fuses
- 15. Permanent Guard Posts



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